

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An indoor unit (1) of an air conditioner comprising:
a casing (2) including an outlet (20) through which air is blown into a room;
~~a flap (3) that is disposed so as to freely open and close the outlet (20) and guides~~
guide the air blown out through the outlet (20); and
a front panel (4) ~~which, in a closed state, covers~~ configured to cover at least part of the casing (2) and at least one end of the flap (3) closing the outlet in a closed state (20).
2. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) ~~of an air conditioner~~ of claim 1, wherein
the flap (3) has a long and narrow shape, and the front panel (4) covers at least one end that forms a long side of the flap (3).
3. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) ~~of an air conditioner~~ of claim 1 or 2, wherein
a gap (G) is disposed between the casing (2) and the flap (3) ~~closing the outlet (20)~~, and the front panel (4) covers the gap (G) in the closed state.
4. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) ~~of an air conditioner~~ of any of claims claim 1 to 3, wherein

the outlet (20) is disposed in a lower portion of the casing (2), and the front panel (4) overlaps at least an upper end of the flap (3) in the closed state.

5. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) ~~of an air conditioner~~ of any of claims claim 1 to 4, wherein

in the closed state, the front panel (4) covers at least one end of the flap (3) and an inlet (21) through which air is taken into the casing (2).

6. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) ~~of an air conditioner~~ of claim 5, wherein

the front panel (4) includes a first panel portion (41) that covers at least one end of the flap (3) and a second panel portion (42) that covers the inlet (21), and the first panel portion (41) and the second panel portion (42) are integrated.

7. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) ~~of an air conditioner~~ of claim 6, wherein

the casing (2) further includes

a first casing surface (23) in which the outlet (20) is disposed, and
a second casing surface (24) in which the inlet (21) is disposed and which forms a predetermined angle with respect to the first casing surface (23),
~~and the first panel portion (41) and the second panel portion (42) are being~~
integrated at the predetermined angle so as to follow the first casing surface (23) and the second casing surface (24) in the closed state.

8. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit ~~(1) of an air conditioner~~ of claim 7,

wherein

the front panel ~~(4)~~ opens the outlet ~~(20)~~ and the inlet ~~(21)~~ as a result of the first panel portion ~~(41)~~ moving along the first casing surface ~~(23)~~ and the second panel portion ~~(42)~~ moving away from the second casing surface ~~(24)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit ~~(1) of an air conditioner~~ of claim 8,

wherein

the first panel portion ~~(41)~~ blocks ~~the a~~ space between the second panel portion ~~(42)~~ and the second casing surface ~~(24)~~ in an open state where the front panel ~~(4)~~ opens the outlet ~~(20)~~ and the inlet ~~(21)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit ~~(1) of an air conditioner~~ of ~~any of~~ claims claim 1 to 9, wherein

the outlet ~~(20)~~ has a shape that is long and narrow in a width ~~(W)~~ direction of the casing ~~(2)~~, and the front panel ~~(4)~~ has a shape that is longer than the outlet ~~(20)~~ in the width ~~(W)~~ direction.

11. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit ~~(1) of an air conditioner~~ of claim 10,
wherein

the front panel ~~(4)~~ has a width ~~(W)~~ that is substantially the same as ~~the a~~ width ~~(W)~~ of the casing ~~(2)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) of an air conditioner of any of claims claim 1 to 11, wherein

the front panel (4) does not include a seam extending in a vertical direction when seen viewed in a front view.

13. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) of an air conditioner of any of claims claim 1 to 12, wherein

the front panel (4) covers the entire flap (3).

14. (Currently Amended) An indoor unit (1) of an air conditioner comprising:
a casing (2) including an outlet (20) through which air is blown into a room;
a flap (3) that is disposed so as to freely open and close the outlet (20) and guides guide the air blown out through the outlet (20); and
a front panel (4) which, in a closed state, covers the space configured to cover a gap between the casing (2) and the flap (3) closing the outlet in a closed state (20).

15. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) of an air conditioner of claim 14, wherein

the flap (3) covers a lower portion of the outlet (20) in the closed state, and the front panel (4) covers an upper portion of the outlet (20) in the closed state.

16. (Currently Amended) The indoor unit (1) of an air conditioner of claim 14 or 15, wherein

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the front panel (4) in the closed state covers one end of the flap (3) when seen viewed
in a front view.